

*ANNUAL REPORT*

FOR THE TOWN OF

*LEYDEN*

MASSACHUSETTS



For Year Ending December 31

**1944**



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Town Officers

—of the—

## TOWN OF LEYDEN

### MASSACHUSETTS



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## Year Ending December 31

# 1944

THE ART PRESS  
ORANGE, MASS.  
1945



## Selectmen's Report

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Appropriation	\$625 00
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D. C. Herron, selectman, registrar, welfare board	\$ 65 00
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J. B. Glabach, Jr., selectman, registrar, welfare board	65 00
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C. P. Zimmerman, selectman, registrar, welfare board	65 00
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Edric W. Cook, moderator	5 00
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A. A. Phillips, assessor	45 00
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C. H. Robertson, assessor	45 00
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John B. Glabach, assessor	45 00
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Marion Osgood, auditor	15 00
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H. V. Campbell, clerk and treasurer	150 00
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H. V. Campbell, tax collector	100 00
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John H. Newcomb, constable	5 00
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	\$605 00
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### HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation: State	\$250 00
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County	250 00
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Town	500 00
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	\$1000 00
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G. W. Hall, superintendent	\$ 37 83
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James McDonald	20 80
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Harold Pratt	19 18
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A. P. Black	\$ 15 60	
A. Worden	4 50	
John McHaffie	3 50	
W. P. Croutworst, trucking	51 80	
C. P. Zimmerman	44 40	
Earle Elwell	17 00	
Donald Shearer	17 00	
Town of Colrain	28 50	
Town of Colrain, sander	2 00	
W. C. Baker, roller	1 00	
Koppers Co., tar	705 35	
Dunklee Sand and Concrete Co.	31 53	
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		\$999 99

### HIGHWAY CHAPTER 81

Appropriation: State	\$4875 00
Town	500 00
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	\$5375 00

G. W. Hall, superintendent	\$723 69
James McDonald	473 57
Harold Pratt	354 52
A. P. Black	347 82
Floyd Robertson	23 98
Charles Robertson	15 75
Henry Farnum	10 40
John Farnum	5 20
Austin Dobias	1 95
Arthur Dobias	1 85
Charles Glabach	4 55
John Howes	20 80
Charles Chapin	3 90
Frederick Staiger	60
Clayton Baker	3 25
Herbert Orr	5 20
Edward Muka	1 30

W. P. Croutworst, trucking	\$400 96	
C. P. Zimmerman	440 95	
Earle Elwell	296 00	
Donald Shearer	248 00	
Frank Marynuk	59 20	
D. C. Herron	226 63	
H. V. Campbell	182 45	
H. C. Orr	2 78	
Floyd Robertson	3 20	
G. W. Hall	6 30	
Charles Robertson, team	10 00	
Harold Pratt	60 75	
G. W. Hall, cement mixer	5 50	
Leyden Machinery Fund	443 79	
Lively Brothers, gas shovel	622 00	
L. C. Germain, steamer	35 85	
Austin Dobias, gravel	265 10	
Percy Buchan	6 60	
Leo Metelica	10 20	
Helen Gerrett	80	
Raymond Noyes	1 00	
Greenfield Water Dept.	36 60	
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		\$5362 99

### SPECIAL HIGHWAY

Appropriation		\$100 00
Transfer from reserve fund		45 90
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		\$145 90
G. W. Hall	\$37 90	
James McDonald	17 20	
Harold Pratt	16 70	
George Pratt	4 20	
H. V. Campbell	8 00	
Charles Robertson	1 20	
Floyd Robertson	1 20	
Frederick Staiger	1 80	



C. P. Zimmerman	\$ 1 50	
Charles Glabach	3 00	
Austin Dobias	7 50	
A. P. Black	13 00	
John Farnum	13 00	
Henry Farnum	13 00	
Bert Whitney	4 80	
Dunklee Sand and Concrete Co.	1 30	
Helen Gerett	60	
	<hr/>	\$145 90

### BRIDGES

Appropriation		\$300 00
G. W. Hall	\$ 29 65	
Harold Pratt	5 20	
James McDonald	9 10	
A. P. Black	3 90	
John Farnum	7 80	
Henry Farnum	7 80	
Arthur Dobias	11 10	
Austin Dobias, trucking	14 80	
W. P. Croutworst	5 55	
Austin Dobias, plank	190 19	
W. C. Baker	7 12	
Frank Hance	5 20	
	<hr/>	\$297 41

### RAILING

Appropriation		\$100 00
G. W. Hall	\$38 25	
James McDonald	29 25	
Harold Wilder	3 25	
C. P. Zimmerman	9 25	
Russell Howes, posts	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 00



## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$500 00
Transfer from reserve fund	15 25
	<hr/> \$515 25

Russell Howes	\$ 60 23
Earl Brooks	1 80
Harold Pratt	18 43
C. P. Zimmerman	30 66
James McDonald	16 05
G. W. Hall	21 05
H. V. Campbell	138 48
Frederick Staiger	75 31
Arthur Dobias	42 58
Clifford Howes	9 55
Robert Keech	16 35
W. P. Croutworst	3 00
Herbert Orr	2 40
Edward Muka	12 00
A. P. Black	2 40
Ralph Phillips	4 22
Douglas Barton	2 60
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, salt	43 50
Dunklee Sand and Concrete Co.	14 64
	<hr/> \$515 25

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$500 00
Transfer from reserve fund	82 64
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Henry Glabach	\$263 42
Arthur Dobias	8 10
Robert Keech	2 70

Frederick Staiger	\$ 4 20	
Frank Wood	3 60	
John B. Glabach, wood	23 50	
L. C. Germain	47 14	
Allied Steel Co.	149 86	
Frank Hance	22 30	
Perkins-Eaton Co.	5 11	
Clark Hardware Co.	16 00	
Clyde Coombs	36 71	
	<hr/>	\$582 64

#### SANDER

Appropriated from 1944 machinery fund		\$270 00
Perkins-Eaton Machinery Co.	\$256 40	
George Staiger, trucking and freight	8 20	
	<hr/>	\$264 60

#### PRINTING

Appropriation		\$125 00
The Art Press, town reports	\$78 70	
E. A. Hall Co., ballots	9 08	
Hobbs and Warren Inc.	7 34	
Barre Gazette	15 06	
Recorder-Gazette, tax sale notices	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$115 43

#### GYPSY MOTH

Appropriation		\$160 00
Stanley Richardson, superintendent	\$57 38	
Arthur Dobias	43 23	
Austin Dobias	18 85	
Henry Farnum	40 30	
	<hr/>	\$159 76

## NOTES AND INTEREST

Appropriation		\$500 00
Appropriated from machinery earnings		308 23
		<hr/> \$808 23

Franklin County Trust Co.		
Tractor Note	\$750 00	
Interest on tractor note	15 00	
Interest on temporary loan	20 11	
Director of Accounts, certifying note	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$787 11

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$15 00
Rev. W. A. Knight	\$10 00	
F. H. Brown Co., flags	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$14 00

## HONOR ROLL

Appropriation		\$75 00
Ferguson Sign Co.	\$60 00	
Rev. W. A. Knight	2 50	
M. S. Muka	10 58	
	<hr/>	\$73 08

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$25 00
Expended		0 00

## FIRE INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$293 37
Stimson and Son, Inc.	\$293 37	
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## BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$25 00
Merritt B. Low, M. D.	\$25 00	
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## INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation		\$100 00
Ernest Brooks	\$100 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## INSPECTION OF BARNES AND ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$50 00
George Staiger	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

## BEAVER MEADOW CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$50 00
Edric W. Cook	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

## EAST HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$50 00
Harold Pratt	\$15 60	
Allen and Walter Frizzell	34 40	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$50 00
Austin Dobias	\$ 7 15	
John Farnum	4 55	
Henry Farnum	4 55	

Charles Robertson	\$ 5 20	
Floyd Robertson	5 20	
Stanley Richardson	5 20	
Arthur Dobias	15 60	
	<hr/>	\$47 45

#### FIRE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$300 00
Henry Glabach	\$179 80	
Gorham Fire Equipment Co.	73 62	
Greenfield Fire Equipment Co.	6 35	
	<hr/>	\$259 77

#### LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$50 00
Interest on library fund		23 11
Balance January 1, 1944		47 22
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		\$120 33
Edith Howes, librarian	\$39 00	
Edith Howes, supplies	23	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	14 25	
Ralph Rhodes, wood	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$67 48

#### WELFARE

Appropriation	\$800 00
Expended as per book account	409 35

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town appropriation	\$1600 00
Expended as per book account	1462 11

#### U. S. GRANT OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Received	\$1328 54
Expended as per book account	1328 54

## U. S. GRANT OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Received		\$44 24
C. P. Zimmerman	\$44 24	
		\$44 24

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Town appropriation		\$40 00
C. P. Zimmerman	\$30 76	
		\$30 76

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$400 00
W. A. Davenport, treasurer, clerk, tax collector bonds	\$26 25	
W. A. Davenport, legal services	48 00	
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	28 02	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10 39	
G. W. Hall	51 80	
C. P. Zimmerman	1 80	
H. V. Campbell, postage	35 76	
Henry Glabach, repairs	15 89	
Elroy Coffin, wood	30 00	
W. P. Croutworst, wood	21 00	
W. and L. E. Gurley, sealers' supplies	4 43	
F. H. Brown Co., flag	6 95	
Hobbs and Warren, Inc.	2 40	
Montgomery Ward, town hall supplies	2 50	
Clark Hardware Co., town hall supplies	2 25	
Recorder-Gazette	6 75	
Seth P. Ewer, sealer's salary and justice of the peace fees	12 50	
Charles Fairhurst, selectmen's association dues	9 00	
Massachusetts Assessors' Assoc.	6 00	

Seth P. Ewer, election officer	\$4 50	
Hannah Orr, election officer	4 50	
Marion Osgood, election officer	4 50	
Edith Howes, election officer	3 00	
Marion Zimmerman, election officer	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$341 69

#### RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$450 00
Transferred to special highway	\$45 90	
Transferred to snow removal account	15 25	
Transferred to machinery account	82 64	
	<hr/>	\$143 79

#### ALL OTHERS

S. T. K. Davenport, south cemetery interest	\$ 31 40	
Treasurer of Franklin County:		
County tax	759 04	
Dog licenses	105 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
State tax	605 00	
State parks and reservations	11 54	
Franklin County Trust Co., temporary loan	4000 00	
Charles B. Bolton, wild cat bounty	10 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	506 36	
Franklin Savings Institution, Charles M. Davenport book fund	1000 00	
	<hr/>	\$7028 34

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD C. HERRON  
EDRIC W. COOK  
CASPER P. ZIMMERMAN

Selectmen of Leyden

MARION P. OSGOOD, Auditor



## SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1945

Town Officers	\$1375 00
Public Welfare	800 00
Old Age Assistance	1600 00
Snow Removal	600 00
Bridges	500 00
Railing	100 00
Highway Chapter 81	500 00
Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance	500 00
Special Highway	100 00
Gypsy Moth Suppression	160 00
Memorial Day	15 00
Board of Health	60 00
Library	50 00
Inspection of Slaughtering	100 00
Inspection of Barns and Animals	50 00
Insurance on Town Property	200 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Fire Warden	100 00
Miscellaneous	400 00
Printing	125 00
Machinery Account	600 00
Notes and Interest	50 00
Schools	9200 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$17235 00

## 1944 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES IN THE TOWN OF LEYDEN

1	Greenfield Road	\$1251 12
2	Brattleboro Road	422 32
3	Frizzell Hill Road	330 56
4	North Bernardston Road	33 20
5	East Hill Road	267 26
6	East Hill Branch Road	11 25

7	Keets Brook Road	\$300 83	
8	Paige Road	0 00	
9	Alexander Road	340 89	
10	County Road	576 46	
11	Hunt Road	10 50	
12	W. S. Black Road	0 00	
13	Eden Road	265 80	
14	East Glen Road	255 52	
15	Wilson Road	7 50	
16	Gates Road	112 71	
17	River Road	232 36	
18	Lyons Mill Road	3 85	
19	West Leyden Road	640 48	
20	Bell Road	108 30	
21	George Lamb Road	8 00	
22	Kately Hill Road	55 90	
23	South Schoolhouse Road	54 35	
24	Coates Road	17 98	
25	Brooks Road	3 15	
	Miscellaneous	52 70	
	Total		<hr/> \$5362 99

Allotments:

State	\$4875 00
Town	488 00
Total	<hr/> \$5363 00

# Treasurer's Report

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## Receipts

Balance January 1, 1944	\$13286 34
Barstow Fund	26 59
Income from Davenport fund	22 00
Income from Library fund	23 11
Quintus Allen legacy	325 00
Dog money returned by County	117 66
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
School Fund	1954 95
Vocational Education	798 33
Tuition State Wards	127 49
Superintendent's salary	290 00
High school tuition	1050 00
High school transportation 1943	940 39
High school transportation 1944	874 30
State forestry	50 00
Reimbursement loss of taxes	32 80
Inspection animals	25 00
Income tax	1375 00
Corporation tax	643 01
Meal tax	67 53
Highways, Chapter 569	2249 74
Highways, Chapter 90 maintenance	250 00
Highways, Chapter 81, balance for 1943	1711 77
Highways, Chapter 81	4389 75
Old Age assistance	1046 53
U. S. Grant for old age assistance	1328 54
U. S. Grant for administration of O. A. A.	44 24

County of Franklin, Chapter 90 maintenance	\$ 250 00
County of Franklin, wild cat bounty	10 00
Fees from Sealer of Weights and Measures	5 91
Road machinery earnings for 1944	443 79
Redemption tax title	80 44
Sale of Treffe Facticeau land	75 00
Slaughtering license	1 00
Auctioneer's license	2 00
Franklin County Trust Co., temporary loan	4000 00
Library fines	1 41
Town of Conway, reimbursement O. A. A.	33 33
Packard Insurance Co.	33 29
Interest South Cemetery funds	31 40
Town Clerk, dog licenses	105 00
Welfare reimbursement	20 00
Check No. 2368	3 98
Withholding tax	506 36
George Ames Trust Fund	315 44
Charles M. Davenport book fund	1000 00
Interest 1942 tax	45 87
Interest 1943 tax	54 11
Interest 1944 tax	2 20
Interest 1942 motor excise	18
Interest 1943 motor excise	06
Interest 1944 motor excise	16
Demands 1942 tax	1 75
Demands 1942 motor excise	35
Demands 1943 motor excise	35
Costs 1942 tax	5 60
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### Taxes

1942 tax	\$ 761 35
1943 tax	2026 66
1944 tax	7056 50

1942 poll tax	\$ 18 00	
1943 poll tax	22 00	
1944 poll tax	122 00	
1942 motor excise	2 00	
1943 motor excise	15 45	
1944 motor excise	268 86	
	<hr/>	\$10292 82
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		\$50371 87

### Expenditures

Selectmen's warrants	\$16601 26	
School Committee's warrants	8983 07	
Temporary loan	4000 00	
Charles M. Davenport Library Book fund deposited in Franklin Savings Insti- tution	1000 00	
Balance on hand December 31, 1944	19787 54	
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HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Town Treasurer

MARION P. OSGOOD, Auditor

# Town Clerk's Report

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## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

January 7 Betsy Harlene Quinn  
November 9 Judith Kay Howes  
December 29 Donna Kathleen Quinn

### DEATHS

September 23 Michael S. Muka, 47 years

## REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED

31 males at \$2.00	\$62 00	
5 females at \$5.00	25 00	
14 females, spayed, at \$2.00	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$115 00
Paid town treasurer	\$105 00	
Clerk's fees, 50 at 20c	10 00	
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## REPORT OF HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

8 Resident Fishing at \$2.00	\$16 00
19 Resident Citizen Hunting at \$2.00	38 00
18 Resident Citizen Sporting at \$3.25	58 50
8 Resident Citizen Minor and Female at \$1.25	10 00

3 Resident Citizen Trapping at \$5.25	\$15 75	
4 Resident Citizen Sporting	free	
1 Resident Citizen Fishing	free	
2 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting at \$10.25	20 50	
1 Non-Resident Military and Naval Sporting at \$2.00	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$160 75
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$146 00	
Fees retained, 59 at 25c	14 75	
	<hr/>	\$160 75

HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Town Clerk

MARION P. OSGOOD, Auditor

## Tax Collector's Report

Tax	Collected	Uncollected	Abatements
1942	\$ 761 35		\$35 20
1943	2026 66	\$ 509 92	
1944	7056 50	2433 58	
1941 Poll			4 00
1942 Poll	18 00		4 00
1943 Poll	22 00	12 00	4 00
1944 Poll	122 00	24 00	32 00
1942 Motor Excise	2 00		
1943 Motor Excise	15 45	12 72	
1944 Motor Excise	268 86	7 23	3 18

HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Tax Collector

MARION P. OSGOOD, Auditor



# Report of the State Audit

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

July 27, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Donald C. Herron, Chairman  
Leyden, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Leyden for the period from April 20, 1941, to May 27, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Leyden for the period from April 20, 1941, the date of the previous audit, to May 27, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental record of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants approved by the selectmen, the cash book was footed, and the cash balance on May 27, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

It was necessary to check the treasurer's payments in detail from the warrants to the cash book in order to locate payments that were not on the selectmen's warrants. It also was necessary to adjust the appropriations for the amount of the federal withholding taxes which had not been charged for the period January 1 to May 27, 1944.

It is recommended that the treasurer enter the gross amounts of the pay-rolls, including federal taxes withheld from salaries and wages, as charges against the respective appropriations, and that the amount of the withholding tax be entered as a receipt in the cash book. No payments should be made by the treasurer except on authority of warrants approved by the selectmen, and all warrants should be added and closed by the selectmen before submission to the treasurer.

A list was prepared showing the amounts withheld from individual town employees on account of federal taxes. The pay-

ments to the internal revenue collector were verified by examination of cancelled checks on file and the balance on hand May 27, 1944, was proved.

The tax title register in custody of the treasurer was analyzed and checked with the tax title deeds on file, with the accounts of the tax collector, and at the Registry of Deeds. It was noted that four tax titles held by the town are over two years old, and it is recommended that foreclosure proceedings be instituted by the treasurer.

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

It is recommended that income from the Quintus Allen Fund be appropriated by the town annually for school purposes, so that the district schools may receive the benefit provided by the bequest. Attention is called to the balance sheet which shows that there is income of \$1350.00 in the general cash and \$4256.71 in the savings bank, all of which is available for appropriation for school purposes.

The records of charges for use of town-owned highway equipment were compared with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded collections were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the record of fees charged, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand June 9, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand May 27, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the town treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk were examined and found to be in proper form.

The transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations for transfers given by the selectmen as reported by the town clerk.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and verified by comparison with the warrants issued by the assessors for their collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved. The cash balance on May 27, 1944, was proved by actual count of cash in the office.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts as listed are correct.

The records of accounts receivable of the bureau of old age assistance were found to be incomplete, and therefore an audit of these accounts could not be made. It is recommended that the selectmen retain records of bills rendered to the State, as well as a complete file of approved audit sheets returned by the State on account of old age assistance pay-rolls.

It was noted that during the period covered by the audit payments have been made of town officers' salaries in March of each year for services of the preceding year. It is recommended that this procedure be corrected so that the town officers' salaries be paid within the year in which services are rendered.

The records of receipts of the librarian for fines were checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand May 27, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

No record pertaining to the sale of cemetery lots was obtainable, and it is recommended that a complete record be kept so that this account may be properly audited.

Attention is called to the assessors' failure to complete the

form in the valuation book as required by the provisions of Section 47, Chapter 59, General Laws.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition on May 27, 1944. The balance sheet indicates that the town is in excellent financial condition.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistant and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

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# TOWN OF LEYDEN

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 27, 1944

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$16529 63	Federal Tax Deductions	\$ 89 30
Accounts Receivable:		Dog Licenses—Due County	39 60
Taxes:		Quintus Allen Fund Income	1350 00
Levy of 1942	\$ 520 14	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	27 50
Levy of 1943	1783 79	Sale of Real Estate Fund	860 00
Levy of 1944 (Polls)	142 00	Road Machinery Fund	340 73
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:	\$2445 93		
Levy of 1942	\$ 2 00	State Parks and Reservations Tax—	
Levy of 1943	20 17	Overestimate 1943	36
Levy of 1944	98 40		
Tax Titles	\$120 57		
	\$239 46		

Aid to Highways:		Federal Grants:	
State	\$5125 00	Old Age Assistance:	\$212 75
County	250 00	Assistance	
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	\$5375 00		
Underestimate—County Tax 1943	\$136 46	Appropriation Balance—General	\$11338 35
Revenue 1944	\$16957 37		
Less Estimated Receipts		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	\$1725 67
Collected	-6165 37		
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	\$10792 00	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Overlay Deficit:		Levy of 1943	\$198 75
Levy of 1942	\$132 66		
Overdrawn Account:		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Highways, Chapter 81	\$309 38	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$120 57
		Tax Title	239 46
		State and County Aid to	
		Highways	5375 00
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			\$5735 03
		Surplus Revenue	\$14163 05
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			\$36081 09



## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$750 00	Departmental Equipment Loan	\$750 00
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## TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$11352 08	Barstow Charity Fund	\$1766 27
		Davenport Poor and School Fund	1100 00
		Charles M. Davenport Library Book Fund	1000 00
		Quintus Allen School Fund	4256 71
		Robertson Memorial Library Fund	1161 50
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	2067 60
	\$11352 08		\$11352 08

# Annual Report of the School Department

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## Town of Leyden

for 1944

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### Organization

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#### School Committee

Jessie Glabach, Chairman  
Douglas Barton, Secretary  
Eleanor Avery

Term expires 1945  
Term expires 1946  
Term expires 1947

#### Superintendent of Schools

Robert N. Taylor, B. Ch. E.; M. Ed.  
Office--Center School, Northfield, Mass.  
Tel. Northfield 757

#### School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.  
Tel. Northfield 722

**School Nurse**

Bernice F. Berry, R. N.  
Tel. Greenfield 3411

**Attendance Officer**

John H. Newcomb

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

1945-1946

Schools Opened January 2, 1945—Close February 16, 1945  
Schools Open February 26, 1945—Close April 13, 1945  
Schools Open April 23, 1945—Close June 5, 1945

Schools Open September 5, 1945—Close December 20, 1945  
Schools Open January 2, 1946—Close February 15, 1946  
Schools Open February 25, 1946—Close April 12, 1946  
Schools Open April 22, 1946 —Close June 6, 1946

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**Report of the Superintendent  
of Schools**

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Leyden:

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report on the Public Schools. This, my fourth, is a record of the 173rd year of public education in the Town of Leyden.

The year just closed has been marked by events unprece-

dented in the history of our nation. These events have made a marked impression on the minds of our youth. Just how marked this impression is, no one knows, and only the future will reveal. It becomes the duty of every educator to so guide the training and thinking of our pupils that good only will result from these experiences. Thinking that will make for mankind a happier, fuller and more wholesome life.

## A CRITICAL SHORTAGE

Leyden was extremely fortunate in being able to begin the new school year in September with the same staff of the preceding year. No other town in Union No. 23 made such a record.

The supply of teachers has now reached a critical stage. The larger communities have drained the rural areas of their experienced teachers. The Teachers' Colleges are unable to supply our needs due to sharp decreases in enrolment and to the preference of such teachers for work in larger communities where beginners' salaries are larger than we pay experienced teachers.

To meet local requirements it has been necessary to recall former teachers now married or retired back into service. Some of these persons have found home responsibilities and teaching more than they could do and were obliged to resign during the school year. Others have found that after tax deductions the net salary was insufficient to pay for help at home and have anything left for her own work, and so they too have resigned. There are no other sources from which prospective teachers may be drawn.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S ACTIVITIES

We are anxious to prepare our pupils as efficiently as possible for their high school education in Greenfield.

With this objective in mind your Superintendent asks reports of their progress from the Greenfield Principal. These reports indicate that our pupils do as well as might be expected of them.

Occasionally a pupil reaches the limit of his ability while at-

tending school in Leyden and I recommend that he find work suitable to his temperament and skill.

According to the present distribution of the Superintendent's time in Union No. 23 comprising the towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick and Leyden, the Superintendent devotes 10% of his time (since July 1, 1944) to the needs of the Leyden Schools. I visited and supervised instruction seventeen times. I also attended eleven meetings of the School Committee, seven Educational Meetings of the Franklin County Superintendents' Association and two Educational Conferences in Boston and Bridgewater.

It is my opinion, after three and one half years of regular supervision and testing, and considering the fact that each teacher has the work of six to eight grades to cover each day, that the great majority of the children in the Leyden schools are making very satisfactory progress.

## POST WAR EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

There is little doubt in my mind but that the time is not far distant when equalization of educational opportunity throughout our land will be realized.

For many years communities in Massachusetts have accepted State reimbursement from various funds. The purpose of this reimbursement was to equalize educational opportunities in the smaller communities unable to present the diversified program of a city or large town. These State funds, generous as they may be in some cases, do not, however, do all that should be done for rural youth.

Speaking before the New England Superintendents of Schools at the November conference in Boston this year Dr. Francis L. Bacon, Superintendent of Evanston Public Schools, Evanston, Illinois, made this pointed statement:

"We should work for Federal Aid through local control for our schools. If we don't we are likely to get Federal Aid with Federal Control."

Dr. Bacon was formerly director of Secondary Education in the Newton, Mass. Public Schools so he knows how New Eng-



landers feel about Federal control of services which, since the founding of our State, have been local responsibilities. As a member of the N. E. A. Policies Commission he was giving us information so that we could prepare ourselves so we could claim our traditional right of local control.

The failure of many communities to adequately meet local responsibility in education has made it necessary that such action be taken. Leyden, in recent years, has done a great deal to raise the educational standard of its schools by employing only well trained teachers, by using modern textbooks, by using modern methods of instruction and by closing schools having enrolments too small for educational efficiency. On the other hand, much remains to be done to improve the school housing problem.

The Leyden school buildings are without running water; only one has central heating, a basement, and artificial lighting; none has flush toilets. The social life of our schools is limited to a few occasions when all pupils get together for a special program after considerable difficulty in arranging rehearsals at the town hall.

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Music, Penmanship and Art are for the most part subjects that require specialized training on the part of a teacher. In Leyden we hire special supervisors for the first two but do very little with Art training. With the heavy grade load our teachers now have plus the added fact that few persons have the necessary skill to teach art, there is not much that can be done about it at present. Sometime it may be possible that Union No. 23 could have an art supervisor who could visit at least twice a month.

After observing the results for two years I am thoroughly convinced that the penmanship supervisor is well worth the small annual sum that it costs us.

The splendid graduation exercises in June was sufficient evidence that musical training is essential to the cultural and recreational training of our young people. Considering the fact that they had few opportunities to rehearse as a complete group, they did remarkably well.

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Name	School	Where Educated	Date of App't
Lyndal Denison	Center	North Adams Normal	1943-9
Muriel Miller	South	Worcester Normal	1943-9
Emma Bell Murray	Beav'rmd'ow	Castleton Normal	1943-9
Clara Mason	Music Supervisor		
		Northampton Music	
		School	1943-9
W. L. Rinehart	Penmanship Supervisor		1942-9

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## FINANCIAL

The School Department has an unexpended balance of \$283.46. This saving has been made possible by substituting a smaller vehicle at less cost for our high school transportation, by the fact that Greenfield did not increase the tuition rate above the \$152 per pupil as originally proposed and by the redistribution of the Union charges so that Leyden now carries a smaller share.

At the annual meeting of the Joint Union Committee a redistribution of the Superintendent's time in Union No. 23, comprising the towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick and Leyden was made. Leyden now carries 2/20ths of the total instead of the 3/20ths formerly carried. The reimbursement on this account will be about \$100 less but will be balanced by a decrease of \$213 in the amount paid to the Superintendent and Clerk.

Small communities have found that the \$1000 minimum salary law for teachers has been ineffective as all candidates ask the same minimum as the larger communities; namely, \$1200 per year.

Because of the increase in number of pupils to be carried from East Hill it was necessary to obtain a larger vehicle. The cost of this route is now \$60 per month. A slight increase should



be granted the West Leyden bus route in the next contract to compensate for higher operating costs.

Unless there is an unexpected increase over the estimated high school enrolment your committee feels that an appropriation of \$9400 should be sufficient for our needs.

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## ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1944

### Beavermeadow

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	
Boys	0	4	1	1	1	2	2	0	11	
Girls	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	
Totals	2	5	1	2	2	2	2	0	16	16

### Center

Boys	1	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	9	
Girls	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	8	
Totals	3	3	3	4	0	1	0	3	17	17

### South

Boys	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	7	
Girls	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	8	
Totals	0	2	2	4	2	1	4	0	15	15

### Town

Boys	1	6	4	7	1	4	4	0	27	
Girls	4	4	2	3	3	0	2	3	21	
Totals	5	10	6	10	4	4	6	3	48	48

## Pupils Attending Greenfield Public Schools

	Boys	Girls	Total	
Junior High School	1	0	1	
Senior High School	0	3	3	
Vocational School	3	1	4	
Total	4	4	8	8
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Total Registration				56

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## Census Report

The annual census of children in Leyden between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1944, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between the ages of 5-7	4	6	10
Between the ages of 7-16	27	14	41
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Total	31	20	51

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## NET COST OF SCHOOLS 1944

Expended by the School Department in 1944	\$8916 54
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State of Massachusetts reimbursements which are paid to the town after the Superintendent of Schools has filed a report showing that the town school fund has been expended.

School Fund Part I, Chapter 70	\$ 540 00
School Fund Part II, Chapter 70	1954 95
High School Tuition	1050 00

High School Transportation	\$874 30	
Vocational Tuition	328 13	
Vocational Transportation	470 20	
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	127 49	
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	290 00	
High School Transportation (1943 account)	940 39	
Total	<hr/>	\$6575 46
Net Cost of Public Education		<hr/> \$2341 08

### IN CONCLUSION

I find parents in Leyden keenly interested in our schools. This is as it should be. The P. T. A. sponsors our hot lunch program and the parents who prepare it are showing a grand public spirit.

I want to thank my teachers for their conscientious effort to make our schools good schools and for your cooperation and confidence. To the School Committee, who have worked hard and patiently, I pay my respects for an example of public service splendidly executed.

Our curriculum and methods of instruction are similar to those recommended for rural schools. Our textbooks are new and up-to-date. We face the future with confidence that the schools can properly prepare our children for places in a busy post-war world.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Schools

# Report of the School Physician

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1944

The annual physical examination of the school children was made an elaborate but efficient affair this year. All the children were taken to the Town Hall by the school buses and the regular physical examination and the new eye tests which require a place wired with electricity were given the children the same morning. The new eye tests were a very valuable addition to the examinations, and far more accurate than older methods in finding the pupils needing glasses.

A few more defects were found this year than last, but the general health of the children is good. A summary of the defects found follows:

Defective teeth	11
Flat feet	9
Enlarged glands	9
Diseased tonsils	6
Poor posture	5
Poor nutrition	2

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.

School Physician

# Report of the School Nurse

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1944

To the School Committee of Leyden:

On October 3, 1944 all the children were given the Massachusetts Vision Test. All defects were reported to the parents. The same day all the children were examined by Dr. F. W. Dean. The defects were recorded and reports of same sent to the parents. I weighed and measured all the children in the three schools. Schools were visited, first aid supplies checked and where needed were replaced.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE F. BERRY, R. N.,

School Nurse

# Financial Statement

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## EXPENDITURES

### INSTRUCTION

Dension, Lyndal, 35 weeks	\$1070 00	
Miller, Muriel, 36 weeks	1080 00	
Murray, Emma B., 35 weeks, 2 days	1080 00	
Bolton, Gertrude, 8 days	40 00	
Mason, Clara	242 50	
Rinehart, W. L.	160 00	
	<hr/>	\$3672 50

### ADMINISTRATION

Taylor, R. N., Superintendent	\$444 96	
Committee:		
Avery, Eleanor	25 00	
Barton, Douglas A., Secretary	50 00	
Glabach, Jessie W., Chairman	50 00	
Barton, Douglas A., copy of Quintus Allen will	2 00	
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co., Supt. office	10 15	
Quinlan, Lawrence, stamps, cards	5 00	
Staiger, George, errands	45	
Taylor, Robert N., conference expense and book	5 68	
Wozniak, Genevieve, clerk, salary	80 00	
Deane, Helen, clerk, salary	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$583 24



## BOOKS, SUPPLIES, SUNDRIES

American Book Co.	\$ 33 37
Babb and Co., E. E.	3 62
Beckley Cardy Co.	17 04
Burdick, Tracy R.	16 50
Cascade Paper Co.	25 61
Clark Hardware Co.	36 60
Compton and Co., E. E.	151 50
Deland's Music Store	36 02
Fiske and Stricker	1 52
Gledhill and Co.	5 83
Ginn and Co.	48 49
Gribbons Music House	4 15
Hammett Co., J. L.	2 52
Heath and Co., D. C.	13 65
Houghton Mifflin Co.	6 78
Johnson and Johnson	55
Lamb Paper Co.	8 20
National Education Association	1 00
National Opinion Research	1 00
Papercrafters	21 20
Pan American Union	1 50
Public School Publishing Co.	2 72
Rand McNally	18 38
Row, Peterson and Co.	55 79
Silver Burdett Co.	11 75
Singer and Co., L. W.	16 99
Scribners Sons, Charles	16 01
Toothaker, O. H.	5 29
Webster Publishing Co.	2 92
Willis Music Co.	3 91
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> \$570 41

## JANITORS

Denison, Lyndal	\$40 00
Elliott, Blanche	5 00

Haskell, Bessie	\$10 00	
Miller, Muriel	40 00	
Murray, Emma B.	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$135 00

### JANITORS' SUPPLIES

Barton, Douglas A., axe, broom and lock	\$5 30	
Osgood, E. C., lock	75	
	<hr/>	\$6 05

### FUEL

Cobb, Harry Z.	\$ 32 00	
Coffin, Elroy	123 00	
Denison, C. A.	23 00	
Peck Co., Charles F.	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$179 75

### REPAIRS

Allen's Sons, S., roofing supplies	\$ 1 06	
Barton, Douglas A., repairs at Center	6 20	
Campbell, Harold V., school yards, gravel	22 80	
Coffin, Elroy, repair flag pole	2 00	
Dobias, Austin, repairs at Beavermeadow	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 06

### AUXILIARY AGENCIES

#### MEDICAL SERVICES

Berry, Mrs. George, nurse	\$20 00	
Zak, Julia, R. N.	10 00	
Dean, F. Wilton, M. D.	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$80 00

## TRANSPORTATION

### Local

Barton, Mildred H., 10 months	\$425 00	
Pratt, Harold, 10 months	495 00	
	<hr/>	\$920 00

### High School

Dobias, Austin	\$1420 00	
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## TUITION

Greenfield, Town of		
High School	\$875 80	
Vocational	313 73	
	<hr/>	\$1189 53

## RECAPITULATION

	1944	1945
	Expendit's	Recom'n
Teachers' salaries	\$3270 00	\$3720 00
Writing Supervisor	160 00	160 00
Music Supervisor	242 50	250 00
Superintendent's salary	354 96	300 00
Travel	90 00	90 00
Officers' salaries	125 00	130 00
Union Clerk	115 00	90 00
Cleaning schools	15 00	30 00
Fuel	179 75	200 00
Repairs	35 06	200 00
Medical Services	80 00	100 00

Transportation:

Local	\$ 920 00	\$1055 00
High School	1420 00	1300 00

Tuition:

High School	875 80	800 00
Vocational	313 73	350 00
Janitors' Supplies	6 05	25 00
Janitors' Salaries	120 00	120 00
Books, supplies and sundries	570 41	250 00
Administrative Expense	23 28	150 00

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	\$8916 54	\$9320 00
Unexpended balance	283 46	
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	\$9200 00	

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATION**

Light for Beavermeadow—Appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	66 53	
Unexpended balance	<hr/>	\$33 47

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE W. GLABACH  
DOUGLAS A. BARTON  
ELEANOR L. AVERY

School Committee

MARION P. OSGOOD, Auditor

except town Hall  
con. salary

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Amusement removed	1000	-	1000
Amusement public	8000	-	8000
Amusement assn.	4000	-	4000
Bridges	500	-	500
Canals	500	-	500
81 <del>Amusement</del>	500	-	500
90 "	500	-	500
Amusement Highway	100	-	100
Gypsy work	160	-	160
Memorial	15	-	15
Board health	60	-	60
Library	50	-	50
Imp. Shuttering	100	-	100
" " " "	50	-	50
Amusement town building	300	-	300
Amusement	50	-	50
Amusement	100	-	100
Amusement	400	-	400
Amusement	125	-	125
Amusement acc.	600	-	600
Amusement	50	-	50
Amusement	9200	-	9200
E. H. R. R. and Cemetery	100	-	100
Amusement	450	-	450
Amusement	450	-	450